

MDE's IT EQUIPMENT SHUT DOWN POLICY

In 2007, MDE established the Environmental Management System (EMS) Team, which was tasked with identifying opportunities to improve the Department's operations that have an influence on the environment. One area of opportunity is the management of the Department's IT-related business practices.

Effective immediately, MDE is adopting the EMS Team's recommendation to "shut down" PCs and laptops at the end of each day, wherever feasible. This strategy also is critical to enabling MDE to meet our energy reduction plan requirements (per EmPower MD) of 10% by CY 2010 from the CY 2007 baseline.